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This issue of the newsletter announces two meetings for Human Ethologists. The first will be held in conjunction with the Animal Behavior Society meeting at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, Illinois, on May 25, 26 and 27th. The second will be held in England on, tentatively, June 27th through July 1st. The place and arrangements for the Illinois meeting are definite, but are still being arranged for England. Further details about the latter will appear in the next newsletter. Abstracts of papers to be presented at each of these meetings are requested now, and forms of intention to attend the Illinois meeting are enclosed with this newsletter. To facilitate reproduction and dissemination of the abstracts there will be an April 30th deadline for the Illinois meeting and a May 10th deadline for the England meeting.

At the Illinois meeting there will be one or possibly two submitted paper sessions on 'Current Research in Human Ethology' on May 25. Each speaker will have 15 minutes to present, followed by a 5 minute question period. A second type of session is also planned: a workshop on techniques and problems in Human Ethology. This will probably be held May 26th. The workshop is seen as an open meeting in which participants can informally discuss the ways they approach the particular issues and problems inherent in this field. Participants are encouraged to bring short films and videotapes on data collected. These are not meant to be formal presentations, but are expected to serve as a stimulant and focus for discussion of techniques of data definition, collection, and analysis. We recognize that there are many variants of observational, and nonobservational, techniques which are appropriate to Human Ethology. We would like to discuss as many techniques as possible. Graduate students are particularly encouraged to present and participate in this session.

Depending on the length of the workshop session, a third session will either follow it or be held on the next day. In this meeting we will discuss potentials for organization and communication. For example, we might decide to form a body under ABS or some other organization, and we need to know which journals are appropriate for the audience we hope to affect. Please be prepared to submit suggestions.

Other parts of the ABS meeting will be:

Keynote Speaker (May 26, evening)  
Dr. L. David Mech  
Fish and Wildlife Service  
Twin Cities, Minnesota